

reviews promptly and efficiently. And we cannot be tough on crime if the message we send Americans is that we do not care about our courts.

By all rights, Roger Gregory should be given a Senate vote in the next few months. But the Senate's failure to fulfill its obligations with respect to my nominees gives me cause for profound concern. Thirty-nine of my judicial nominees are pending before the Senate. These nominees have been kept waiting, on average, 273 days. And the fourth circuit has fared particularly poorly—my other fourth circuit nominee, Judge James Wynn, an African-American judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals, has already been kept waiting for 330 days. I urge the Senate to give Roger Gregory and Judge Wynn the Senate votes that they so richly deserve.

We cannot afford to allow political considerations to empty our courts and put justice on hold. I have worked very hard to avoid contentious ideological fights over nominees. I have worked hard to put forward good, qualified candidates who reflect the diversity of our Nation. The judges I have nominated during my tenure as President are the most diverse group in history. They have also garnered, as a group, the highest American Bar Association ratings of any President's nominees in nearly 40 years. They have shattered the myth that diversity and quality do not go hand in hand. But despite the high qualifications of my nominees, there is a mounting vacancy crisis in our courts. Too often, we are creating situations in which justice delayed means justice denied. And ultimately, if we fail to make our courts reflect America, we risk an America where there may be less respect for the decisions of our courts.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 24

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC, from Los Angeles, CA.

June 25

In the afternoon, the President participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Korean War Memorial.

June 26

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Chappaqua, NY.

June 27

In the morning, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President declared a major disaster in Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and flooding beginning on May 17 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in North Dakota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, flooding, and ground saturation beginning on June 12 and continuing.

June 28

The President announced his intention to nominate Kenneth Y. Tomlinson to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

June 29

The President announced his intention to nominate Everett L. Mosely to be Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Marjory E. Searing to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service of the Department of Commerce.

The President announced the nomination of Donald Mancuso as Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

The President announced his intention to appoint Kitty Dukakis, Michael C. Gelman, Stephen D. Susman, and Burton P. Resnick to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint Charles Richard Barnes, Colleen M. Kelley, Janice R. Lachance, Edward B.

Montgomery, and Kevin L. Thurm as members of the National Partnership Council.

The President announced his intention to appoint William M. Wardlaw as a member of the American Battle Monuments Commission.

June 30

In the morning, the President traveled to Philadelphia, PA, and later he traveled to Englewood, NJ, where he attended a Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee luncheon.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to nominate Arthenia L. Joyner to be a member of the Federal Aviation Management Advisory Council.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 28

Donald Mancuso,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Defense, vice Eleanor Hill.

Kenneth Y. Tomlinson,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2006, vice Henry J. Cauthen, term expired.

Submitted June 30

Roger L. Gregory,
of North Carolina, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit (new position).

Everett L. Mosely,
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Agency for International Development, vice Jeffrey Rush, Jr.

Marjory E. Searing,
of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, vice Awilda R. Marquez, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released June 26

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, Chief of Staff John Podesta, National Economic Council Director Gene Sperling, and Office of Management and Budget Director Jack Lew on the midsession review of the budget

Transcript of a press briefing by Dr. Neal Lane, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute, Dr. Craig Venter, president and chief scientific officer, Celera Genomics Corp., and Dr. Ari Patrinos, Associate Director for Biological and Environmental Research, Department of Energy, on the completion of the first survey of the Human Genome Project

Released June 27

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Released June 28

Statement by the Press Secretary on the appointment of Gregory L. Shulte as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Southeast European Affairs at the National Security Council

Released June 29

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart